

a' - This is a continuation of International  
Application No. PCT/EP98/00483 filed January 29, 1998  
(the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by  
reference.) -

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please add an abstract to the disclosure on a  
separate sheet (attached hereto).

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 2-16 as follows:

2. (Amended) A method for the diagnosis of  
tuberculosis and other mycobacterial infections of humans  
and animals, [**characterised** in that] comprising the step  
of measuring the activity of alanine dehydrogenase (E.C.  
1.4.1.1.) [is measured] with an enzymatic test kit <sup>of said set</sup>  
according to claim 1.

Q<sup>2</sup> 3. (Amended) A method according to claim 2,  
[**characterised** in that] comprising the steps of  
(i) isolating possible tuberculosis pathogens,  
[such as *M. tuberculosis*, are isolated,]  
(ii) making a crude cell extract [is made],  
(iii) incubating the extract [is incubated] in  
solution, and  
(iv) measuring the absorption [is measured].